



Mill Woods Ladies Golf Club Fall 2024 Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – *ELAINE SHANNON*

It is hard to believe that our season has already come to an end. What a year it has been! We enjoyed a nice hot summer with our share of challenging weather between the rain and the smoke, but we made it work.

I would first like to thank the Executive Committee for their time and effort in running the League this year. Without them, it would have been a very lonely job for me. A huge thank you goes out to:

President Elect – **Berni Krumm**

Club Captains – **Maria Medieros & Wendy Sheehan**

Assistant Club Captain – **Elisa Carchidi**

Secretary – **Cindy Erdosi**

Treasurer – **Jean Johnston**

Membership Coordinator, Communications & Website – **Cathy Pruden**

EGA Rep – **Bev Boersma**

Prize Chairs - **Ada Szeto, Alice Lee (Day) & Arlene Poon and Shannon Schooler (Business)**

Social Convenor – **Brenda Solo**

I would also like to give a special thank you to **Tania Topolnyski** for her assistance this season. Although not a member of the Executive, she really stepped up to provide much needed assistance to the newer members of the Executive Committee. Thank you so much for all you did Tania. It was really appreciated.

This year while contemplating the question about the opportunity to have Whitton Golf permanently take over the running of the Ladies League, we really started to think about what our league means to us as individuals and collectively as a club. There was a lot of discussion and feedback was provided to members of the Executive Committee and directly with me personally. Thank you so much for your thoughts and ideas. Whether it was in emails, face-to-face or through the Town Hall meeting, your feedback really reflected your love for the Ladies League and your desire to keep it going, even suggesting ways we can simplify the work.

I am pleased to share that one of the ideas put forth has been discussed by the Executive Committee and favourably voted on for the 2025 season. It has to do with members who do not enter their scores or track a handicap. In looking at our membership, 40% of our members no longer are interested in tracking a handicap yet the club annually collects fees and submits them to Golf Canada on their behalf. This

year that amounted to \$3,300 in fees that were in effect, wasted as the club does not benefit from collecting that fee. Many of you raised the question of why do we do that? So, after analyzing the numbers and the impact on our members, the Executive Committee voted to provide an option for members to pay a reduced registration fee for those who do not enter your scores or track a handicap. That means there will be a two-fee structure for the first time in our history, if the vote is that we continue to run the League ourselves.

Those who enter their scores and track their handicap and will want us to submit part of their registration fee to Golf Canada, will select on the registration form the option to pay the full registration fee of **\$120**. Those who do not enter their scores or track a handicap and do not want part of their registration fee to be submitted to Golf Canada, will select the option to pay a reduced annual registration fee of **\$80** starting in the 2025 season.

It is important that those who choose not to enter scores or track a handicap understand the impact of that choice.

- Your Golf Canada number will become in-active, and you won't be able to enter your scores into their system. If you change your mind part way through the season, then you will be solely responsible for submitting your fee directly to Golf Canada.
- Ineligible to participate in the Classic, Four Ball and Club Championship tournaments.
- Ineligible to participate in Ringer Board and Match Play.
- Ineligible to participate in Marshall Cup & Podersky Cup
- However, you can still participate in the Fun Tournaments where a handicap is not required.
- You are still able to participate in the weekly Loonie Pot and Proximity Prizes.
- You are still able to participate in Visitors Days.

Look for the updated Registration Form at the Fall Banquet and on our website if the vote is for the League operations to remain as is.

Finally, thank you to all our members. Without you, we wouldn't have a Ladies League. Thanks to all of you who were generous with your time and volunteered on one of our sub-committees, and those of you who welcomed and played with our new members throughout the season. You truly are the stars of the show!

Wishing you all a wonderful Fall & Winter Season.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLUB CAPTAINS – WENDY AND MARIA

We had a beautiful summer; the golf season couldn't have been better! We can't believe we are already at the end of the season and fall is upon us.

Thank you so much to all the committees and volunteers throughout the year; the success of the season is due to these individuals.

- Tournament Committee – Darlene Goodhope, Sheila Davey, Ann Gramlich, Jane Thiel
- Marshall Cup Rep - Cheryl Wall, Bev Boersma
- Podersky Cup Rep - Berni Krumm
- Visiting Days Rep - Angie Strashok
- Ringer Board – Marian Reed, Jackie Gervais
- Match Play – Debbie DeLuca
- Communications, Webmaster - Cathy Pruden
- Facebook - Kim Roy

A special thank you to Tania Topolnyski for her guidance and support throughout the season. We couldn't have done it without her.

Here is a summary of activities during the season:

Visitor Days

- July 9 – Leduc visited Mill Woods
- July 29 – Mill Woods visited Blackhawk

Fun Events

The June 4th Icebreaker Tournament was rained out, but we had a great turnout for a lovely lunch and dinner.

Instead of a second fun tournament, we decided to introduce a Fun *Day* on August 13th. The day started out stormy, but turned into a beautiful day, and everyone enjoyed themselves. We received positive feedback on the format.

Competitive Events

- Sunday, June 2 – **Classic Tournament**
 - Overall low gross: Sheila Davey
 - Overall low net: Jean Johnston
- Sunday, July 7 – **Better Ball Tournament**
 - First place: Sheila Davey and Linda Staal
- Saturday/Sunday, August 24 & 25 – **Club Championship**
 - Overall low gross: Sheila Davey
 - Overall low net: Lynne Shaw

The role of club captain was very rewarding as we were able to meet and get to know more of the amazing members of this club, both day and business.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the October 1st banquet to celebrate the season!

Wendy Sheehan, and Maria Medeiros, Club Captains, MWLGC